

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST**

December 14, 2016

**VIA ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION**

National Freedom of Information Officer  
United States Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW (5401R)  
Washington, DC 20460

Regional Freedom of Information Officer  
U.S. EPA, Region 5  
77 West Jackson Boulevard  
Chicago, IL 60604-3590

**Re: Request for Records from the Office of Underground Storage Tanks**

Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter is a request pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. §552, 40 C.F.R. Part 2, and any other statutes, rules, or regulations entitling the undersigned to the information requested.

I hereby request from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("U.S. EPA") Office of Underground Storage Tanks, all information, including all documents, records, correspondence, studies, reports, or other documents, relating in any way to groundwater data associated with the following site:

*BASF Corporation (and all entities that have owned or operated this site, including, without limitation, Harshaw Chemical Company, Engelhard Corporation, and John Musick)*  
120 Pine Street  
Elyria, OH 44035-5228

This site includes all property currently owned by BASF within Elyria, Ohio city limits that is bounded to the east, north and west by the East Branch of the Black River.

Please note that with respect to this request, "Groundwater Data" should be read in the broadest sense to include all information regarding subsurface conditions including, without limitation, groundwater monitoring data and laboratory analyses, drilling logs, geo-probes, auger cuttings, and subsurface borings.

I would appreciate the opportunity to discuss ways to refine this request if the results are voluminous. Squire Patton Boggs is willing to pay any and all reasonable fees incurred in processing this FOIA request. However, we will first need an estimate of the amount of materials that may be responsive and the general magnitude of related fees that may be incurred. Please call me at (216) 479-8410 at your earliest convenience to discuss and so that we can make appropriate arrangements.

Thank you for your cooperation on this important request.

Kind regards,



Whitney Todd